

March 2026



Highland Park Condominium Board Message

HIGHLAND PARK CONDOMINIUM OWNERS – YOUR BALLOTS ARE NEEDED!

Hello to all. Last week February 11th we had, or should I say attempted to have our **Annual Condo meeting** at which we elect new Board members. We had to adjourn the meeting due to a lack of quorum. **It has been rescheduled for 5:00 PM prior to the March Board meeting.** I would just like to remind everyone we do have a responsibility as residents of the Condo Association to do our part in our community. Part of that responsibility is to at least send in your proxy so the Board can continue to do the business that has to be done to keep our community going. It was very gratifying to see the good turnout, however, most of those who attended had already turned in their proxy.

Pat Barcroft, Current Chair, Highland Park Condominium Board

Upcoming Event

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026, 5-8PM
HIGHLAND’S CLUBHOUSE – ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We are so excited to be chairing this event again this year! Last year was a blast and this year will be very special as well! We have the Yeats Academy Irish Dancers, followed by dinner, with vegetarian and gluten free options.

This year we will be entertained by Modhran, Traditional Irish Musicians starting the show off with traditional songs and a few new ones as well! Peter Yeates (guitar, lead and backing vocals) is a veteran singer/songwriter/guitarist from Dublin, Ireland. He has taken his early rock roots and combined them with his Celtic influences to create a hard-driving yet soulful sound. Peter has toured much of the world as a solo act and also with various Irish musicians, including James Kelly (Planxty, Patrick Street), Noel Hill (Planxty), Tommy Hayes (Stockton's Wing) and accordion player Paddy O'Brian. Ken Larson (bodhrán, lead and backing vocals) originally from Minneapolis, MN, has developed an inventive and unique style in his three decades of playing bodhrán. He pulls an amazing range of sounds from the simple Irish drum. He has toured the US with Peter Yeates, in the two decades of collaboration, and has also performed and recorded with some of the premier Celtic groups in the Portland area.

We will be serving the traditional Irish Stew with vegetarian option and Ham & Colcannon, a traditional potato and cabbage dish made Southern Ireland style. We will have bread pudding for dessert along with a good selection of other treats that will be gluten free. Stew and Colcannon are also gluten free! We will also have gluten free and traditional Irish Soda Bread!

We hope you can join us! **Required: Advance Ticket Purchase** \$35 Tickets for sale at the clubhouse Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dates: February 21, February 28 and March 7 and indicate your choice of Irish Stew, Ham, or Vegetarian. With any questions, please call Lucianne Phillips at (503) 430-1938. Any food allergy questions please call Ginger @ 503-421-0029.

Ed Benberg, Special Events Chair, Lucianne Phillips, Co-chair

HOA Board Message

Hello, Highlanders! This is going to be one of those “odds&ends” columns...

Mary and I have just arrived back home from the Clubhouse, where we took in the concert from Aloha High School's Jazz Band. Wow, what a talented group! There was even one guy playing a vibraphone, of all things (echoes of Lionel Hampton). It's pretty clear that Highlanders love music. We have folks who participate in Zumba, Walking Aerobics and Line Dancing sessions -- and music is important to all of those activities. Plus, we have several residents who are playing some really beautiful music on the baby grand piano in the Great Room (and I can't wait to hear more of that!). And there's an impressive bunch who get together every couple of weeks to play the ukulele! Music is central to all of those common activities, and more. I'm pretty sure there are other opportunities out there to bring even more Highlanders together like that. Special thanks, by the way, to Lucianne Phillips (Chair of the Special Events Committee) for working with Aloha HS once again to bring that wonderful sound to the Highlands.

As I've written before, so much of what happens in our community is the result of volunteer effort. Some of it is organic and kind of happens naturally, but other things are the result of dedicated, focused efforts from one group or another of our residents. We are, to a certain extent, “birds of a feather” -- something about this area drew us to the Highlands. We share space and energy in this community, and if we feel we still have something to offer -- for the greater good - - we can step up and lend a hand. That commitment can be low-key, perhaps happening just once a year. Or you can engage at a little higher level, with a committee that meets once a month or so. Whatever you want to do, that's up to you. I am grateful, as I'm sure all Highlanders are, for the collective enthusiasm of our volunteers. On the other hand, if someone feels they've already made their commitments to the community (“paid their dues”, if you like), I can respect that, too. No one will be forced to participate in any of these activities if they don't want to. If you are so inclined to join in and lend a hand, though, pretty much any and all of our committees would love to have you!

We're just about out of the “cold” months (such as they were) at this point, though March may still have some surprises for us. We'll have to see if the lion or the lamb show up, along with the delivery of this issue of Highlights. Regardless, lots of projects are getting spun up, from the Clubhouse Interiors, Clubhouse Maintenance and Architecture and Landscape committees. I won't steal any of their thunder by disclosing details (those columns are elsewhere in the newsletter) but keep an eye open for updates around the community! Rob Mustard, president, president@kchighlandshoa.com

King City Council Message

Cityscape King City submitted by your King City Councilor, Vince Ardit

As I write comments to you, every other month, I will try to inform you to the best of my ability within the guidelines and limitations set forth in my position on city Council.

City Council met in a public session on January 28 to choose two city council members to replace the two that had resigned in December. One position was for the remainder of Randy Olson's term, which expires at the end of this year. The other was for Jessica Braverman's term which expires in 3 years. Four applicants were interviewed.

Tigard Life newspaper carried a very complete accounting of these interviews and the outcome. In the end a very qualified person was passed over for someone with no experience in city government. Cronyism erodes trust in public institutions as favoritism, undermines fairness, and accountability. This can lead to cynicism among community members regarding governance and civic engagement.

In my opinion public perception and the erosion of trust over the last two years comes from the lack of unity that starts at the top with the city council itself. We have had four different individuals step forward as mayor in the last two years. City councilors have come and gone, some willingly others forced out. I am not surprised by the lack of interest from anyone wanting to get involved with this city government. I am at city hall in

meetings every week. Our staff is excellent and our new city manager Vincent Ferraris will be a positive addition as leader.

Four council positions are up for public election in November. I urge anyone interested to contact me and I will help you through the process. I am not looking for more crony's just independent, fair thinkers !

On February 4 city council met in open session to review the amended city charter that has been submitted by the charter review committee. The distinction I have between myself, and my colleagues on this amended charter is that our present charter chooses the mayor from a vote of the majority of city council members. I do not believe that a vote of a four-person majority on a seven-person council is a fair way to represent the citizens of King City.

I have insisted on a survey be taken among all citizens as to how they would like to choose their mayor. I believe the mayor should run for office and be elected by a majority. If you are in agreement with me, I urge you to email mayor, Rachel Kazmierski (rkazmierski@ci.king-city.or.us) and city manager Vincent Ferraris (vferraris@ci.king-city.or.us) With this included as an amendment to the city charter, the earliest a mayor can be selected by popular vote would be the 2028 election.

In the follow-up to the latest survey, Information/communications officer Erin Carey and myself met with Tigard Chamber of Commerce Director Megan De Salvo to discuss the potential for a King City farmers market. Partnering with Tigard to create a farmers market is a possibility. The advantage is that licensing, permits and finding a qualified operator, has already been done by Tigard within their own markets. A suitable location that provides easy access and meets the qualifications to operate are being discussed. Highway 99 or Roy Rogers Rd. are the logical locations.

Lastly, as private citizens, you're not constrained by the limitations under which elected officials operate. You are free to ask questions and express your opinions openly.

I appreciate all your feedback and encourage you to query myself, our city manager and the mayor when you have questions or any issues.

"Transparency is the antidote to hypocrisy!"

Architecture & Landscape Committee

January was a busy month for the ALC. The proposal from Halsteads to prune 34 street trees was approved by the Board and has been completed. The inspection of our irrigation system was also approved and that will happen in March. There was a "drop-off" at the Dickson entrance to the walking path between the condos and houses. Bobby Gang presented a bid to repair it and the work was completed on February 3, 2026.

The two new warning/safety signs have been installed at the entrance to the Fir Grove. Thank you to Mike Dalstrom and Connie Holt for doing this work.

At the February 2026 meeting, the condition of the Dickson path from its entrance on Dickson to SW 128 th was discussed. Basically, it is a mess. Bonny Chown, as planting coordinator, met with Teufels and a very preliminary plan was presented. The worst area is from the end of the cyclone fence to the path crossing at SW128th. This will be a work in progress perhaps spanning 1-2 years. Also, Pat Combs the Committee's newest member has agreed to take on the job of Irrigation Coordinator. This is a big job. Thank you, Pat.

The ALC meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Board room. Visitors are always welcome. Judy Baese – ALC Coordinator.

Condo Architecture and Landscape Committee

A landscape report in the newsletter last month was missing, since I am new, my message to Mike [Highlights Editor] went to spam so he never saw it, but that has been resolved. My phone number is 941-223-5059. My

email is bnmosson@gmail.com. Please direct any questions or concerns to me and we will work on a resolution with the committee.

The committee will delay spreading bark dust until next year so these funds in the budget can be used to cut back bushes, trees, and the removal of certain trees and bushes that are required for clearance before the masonry work can begin on our buildings. In the meantime, regularly scheduled lawn maintenance will continue to be done. We will need to be patient and know that our landscape will experience regrowth and be more beautiful once the work is completed. The next planting day will be in September.

We divided the Highlands condominiums into six sections with a member from the Landscape Committee responsible for walking their area to report any concerns of what they found so it can be resolved at each monthly Landscape meeting. Warren from Pacific Landscape will give us a list of what to watch for.

The regular meeting of the landscape committee has been changed to the last Monday of the month at the same time of 9:30 am to allow us time to attend the MRF meeting and more time to prepare for the monthly board meeting. The new meeting time will start March 30. I look forward to working with you.

Nancy Mosson, Chair, HPC Landscape Committee

Condo Neighborhood Watch

Dear Neighbors, I recently shared an article regarding the duties of a Watch Captain. To clarify, we are not here to police parking, trash, or recycling; rather, we serve as the eyes and ears of our community. Our primary concern is the safety of all residents. Please refrain from sorting through garbage bins, as items like broken glass, rusty nails, and animal waste pose significant health hazards.

I also want to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms. These units typically need to be replaced every five to ten years, depending on the manufacturer. Additionally, batteries should be tested annually. Please note that you do not need to use hardwired models; battery-operated alarms are perfectly acceptable.

Furthermore, I highly recommend installing water leak detectors near hot water tanks, washers, and dishwashers. These are inexpensive tools that can prevent costly damage to your home and your neighbors' property.

Lastly, please be mindful of water shutoff valves. Many downstairs units have a valve in the hot water closet that controls the water for the unit above. Ensure that any maintenance work does not result in a neighbor's water being accidentally shut off for an extended period, as this can cause significant frustration.

Stay safe and stay healthy, Sandy Bergeron CNW Coordinator (971) 255-3790 (text only) 503-624-7896 (answering machine) sandber31638@gmail.com (Please update your address book to this email address)

Clubhouse Interiors Committee

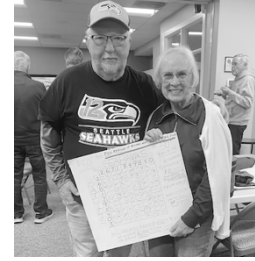
We are continuing the renovation projects in March. There will be a partial painting of the clubhouse (entry, living/great room, hallways to game room, bathrooms, information, and ballroom). We are also having the hammers in the grand piano repaired so that will not be usable for a few weeks. And finally, the 4 replacement chairs have been ordered and should be here at the end of March.

THE CURRENT 4 "LEATHER" CHAIRS IN THE LIVING ROOM ARE FREE FOR THE TAKING-- EITHER 1 OR MORE. CONTACT LINDA RAY-KEENEY AT LNGHIGHLANDS@GMAIL.COM OR CRYSTAL COMPESE AT CRYSTALCOMPESE@GMAIL.COM TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOVAL.

WHAT DID YOU MISS?

Super Bowl Viewing Party

The Super Bowl Party at the clubhouse was fun. Lots of good food and even a football pool. Let's do this event again next year. Go Seahawks!



Valentine's Day Pizza

On Valentine's Day, Highlanders gathered for the love of pizza, friends, family and those special somebodies. The room was decorated in reds and whites to celebrate the day. In addition to the pizza, there were strawberries hand-dipped in chocolate as well as brownies galore. It was a fun evening to meet friends and neighbors.

Aloha High School Jazz Band

The Aloha HS Jazz Band performed for more than 50 attendees, with multiple musical styles and some fantastic solos. The Highlands community responded with \$600 in donations to support the band's efforts. A great evening of entertainment. Thank you to the Events Committee for bringing this to our community.



Community News, Announcements, and Activities

Vendor List

The Vendor List is a list of contractors and vendors recommended by community members. The list can be found in the Clubhouse entry area in the wall rack by the office and is maintained by Connie Holt. Please keep in mind that these vendors are not endorsed by Highland HOA but have been recommended by residents. This list does not guarantee whether they are licensed, insured or bonded. If this is needed in the work or project you are doing, do your due diligence, and please check the vendor websites and on-line reviews.

Word of mouth can make or break a vendor, so if you have any recommendations or reasons to add or delete a vendor from this list, email Connie Holt at punkshasta@gmail.com or you can call Beth at the Clubhouse 503-684-8294 and she can let Connie know of any changes.

THE HIGHLANDS LADIES COFFEE HOUR

The Ladies Coffee Hour continues to be a lively gathering of conversation and community. All ladies of the Highlands are welcome to attend **Wednesday mornings at 10:00.**

Contact Sara DeBolt at 541 705 5067 if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you!

BOOK TALK MEETS THE SECOND MONDAY AT 1:30 PM IN THE LIVING ROOM

The Highlands book group meetings are open to everyone. Come join us for some interesting and lively discussions!

March 9, 2026 - The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

A reluctant centenarian decides it's not too late to start over and goes on an unexpected adventure in this whimsical novel.

April 13, 2026 - East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Set in the Salinas Valley, this classic family saga brings to life the intricate details of two families.

Submitted by Diane Brown, diane.brown30215@gmail.com

UKULELE!



Highland Strummers., our ukulele group **meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays** each month in the clubhouse at 3 p.m. Interested??

And - we offer **beginner ukulele lessons starting at 2 :30pm** in the clubhouse. We're growing, laughing and strumming each month! So, dig out the one in the closet or rent from a nearby music store and let's start strumming!! Nothing feels better than making some fun music together. Hope to see you there. Kathryn Margaret of The Highland Strummers 971-268-0903



BIBLE STUDY

March means, Spring is just around the corner for flower lovers in our community; Daylight Savings begins on the 8th which brings longer daylight hours; and for you sports fans – having just enjoyed two weeks of Winter Olympics, March begins College Basketball playoff – affectionately called March Madness. Just say'n! As always, we look forward to encouraging Christ centered messages at the bi-monthly Bible Study. This month we will enjoy hearing from the following speakers:

March 3rd - Andrew Wachsmith has been a high school math teacher in Beaverton for 24 years, but in recent years has also been called into part time ministry at a local church. His calling and passion are in small group and care ministries. He lives in Tigard with his wife Anne-Marie and three children: two still at home, one in college. Welcome Andrew.

March 17th , Chaplain Dave McElheran, we are privileged to hear from Chaplain Dave McElheran as he utilizes his musical talent through leading and singing traditional hymns. He also brings applicable teaching and encouragement from God's Word lived out and experienced through his decades of ministry and service. We look forward to hearing from Chaplain Dave.

Our Bible Studies are held the **first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the Clubhouse.** We always conclude with a time of refreshments and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you in March. Submitted by Ron Willis

ZUMBA GOLD

Zumba Gold is a fun, lower intensity fitness/dance class. The moves are easy-to-follow, and you don't need any dance or exercise experience. It's a great way to stay active and meet your neighbors. Join us and give it a try! **Classes are in the Clubhouse on Monday and Thursday at 10 am.** The first class is free, then \$3 per class after that. Kathy Thigpen, Zumba Gold Coordinator 530-514-8448

FITNESS WALKING CLASS

Join us for fitness walking on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-9:45 am** in the Clubhouse. We work out to Leslie Sansone videos that have warm ups, cardio exercise and cool downs. It is free and everyone is welcome. Enjoy an early morning workout in the comfortable temperature of the Clubhouse. Elaine Sobel Fitness Walking Coordinator (503-703-3200 or elaineankersen@gmail.com) with any questions.

THE GAMES WE PLAY



We play many fun and challenging games in our clubhouse each week. Among them, there are card games and there are tile games! Most are easy to learn and you can ask about lessons! Everyone is welcome.

The following is a list of the activities and contact information:

Highlands Bridge

The Highlands bridge players would like to invite residents to join our group. We play casual, fun party bridge **every Tuesday at 1 pm** in the clubhouse. You are welcome to visit on any Tuesday or for more information, call Bobbi Siegel at 503-430-15076.

Rummikub is a tile-based game for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game Rummy and the tile game mahjong. **Wednesday at 1:00 PM**, in the Blue Chair Room. Ed Benberg at 503-968-9075

Five Crowns is a card game similar to Rummy where players compete to get the lowest score. **Wednesday at 1:00 PM**, in the Blue Chair Room. Beverly Yates 727-318-1711

Hand, Knee, and Foot is a variation of Hand and Foot, a game similar to Rummy and Canasta. Players are dealt three hands. The goal is to empty all the hands by melding cards in sets. It can be played with three players or teams of players. **Monday at 1:00 PM and on Thursday at 6:00 PM**, both in the Blue Chair Room. Linda Ray-Keeney at 503-816-6058

Chinese Mahjong is a traditional version of the original tile-based game. It meets on **Wednesday at 1:00 PM** in the card room. Sandy Bergeron at 503-624-7896.

Poker, a penny-ante version with different variations, is played with up to eight players. **Thursday at 6:00 PM** in the card room. Sandy Bergeron at 503-624-7896.

Poker Lessons anyone?

I have been asked if there could be an early afternoon poker game or lessons. Some folks don't like to go out after dark or like me, can stay awake after my supper meal. The lessons are free and no money will exchange hands during the lessons. So it can be a win-win situation. Please let me know if you are interested and I will see if we can find some room on the busy clubhouse calendar.

Sandy Bergeron, (971) 255-3790 text only, 503-624-7896 answering machine, sandber31638@gmail.com

American Mah Jong is a variation of the original tile-based game. Three or four players compete to be first to match their tiles to the combinations on the scorecard.

Thursday at 1:00 PM in the card room. Tonie Chess at 775-303-4584.

Word Games Club

If you are logophiles (people who love words) join the new Word Games Club on **Mondays at 4 PM**. Games such as Scrabble, Upwords, One Up, Ad-Lib, Bananagrams, Boggle, etc. will be played. Games will be available or bring your own. We'll play until we run out of words!

Linda Vandermade; lvandermade5@gmail.com 707-228-6380

KC Highlands community interest and activity articles are always welcome.

Just send by email to: kchoahighlights@gmail.com.

Mike Dahlstrom, Highlights Newsletter coordinator

KC HIGHLANDS CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10 Zumba 11 Condo MRF 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 4 Word Games	3 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Bridge 3 Special Events Comm. 2 Ukulele Lessons 2:30 Ukulele 7 Bible Study	4 9:30 ALC Comm. Mtg. 10 Women's Coffee Hour 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 1 Five Crowns	5 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 6 Hand, Knee, & Foot 6 Poker	6 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	7
8	9 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 1:30 Book Talk 4 Word Games	10 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Bridge	11 10 Women's Coffee Hour 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 1 Five Crowns 5:30 Condo Board Mtg.	12 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 6 Hand, Knee, & Foot 6 Poker	13 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 2 Library Mtg 5 Happy Hour 7 Event Setup	14 5 PM St Patrick's Day Celebration
15	16 10 Zumba 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 4 Word Games	17 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Bridge 2:30 Ukulele 7 Bible Study	18 10 Women's Coffee Hour 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 1 Five Crowns	19 9:30 Crafts Grp 10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dance 1 Am. Mahjong 3 Clubhouse Interiors 6 Hand, Knee, & Foot 6 Poker	20 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	21 10AM – 4 PM Private event
22	23 10 Zumba 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 4 Word Games	24 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Bridge 6:30 Finance Comm Mtg	25 10 Women's Coffee Hour 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 1 Five Crowns 3:00 HOA TOWN HALL – HOA Board Mtg to follow	26 10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 6 Hand, Knee, & Foot 6 Poker	27 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	28 9AM – 5 PM Private event
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